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We welcome in the New Year with the Council’s new website going live. Launched in January, our goal was to create a website that would be much easier to use, whilst still providing you with all the information you need. In order to keep costs to a minimum, we developed the website in-house, and consulted with the public to ensure that the website meets your expectations.

Many of you will know that Fareham’s Council Tax is one of the lowest in the country, ranked eighth out of 326 councils, and with another Council Tax freeze in 2012/13, Fareham continues to maintain this extremely strong position. Council Tax has been frozen for the last five years, and I am pleased to say that it has not been increased above the rate of inflation for nine years.

I am delighted that the new £2 million Portchester Community Centre is open for business. The centre offers a wide range of facilities such as meeting rooms, a children’s centre, a pre-school, a kitchen and a large multi-purpose hall. Now run by Portchester Community School, all bookings should be made by contacting them directly.

In order to continuously improve Fareham’s town centre, a new Fareham Town Centre Parking Strategy will take effect from April 1st. We want to ensure the town centre continues to be a pleasant and affordable place to shop and relax. So amongst other changes, the five hour limit in short stay car parks will be removed, and long and short stay car parks will change their names to inner and outer car parks. Signs and other features will also be improved, details of which can be found on page 14.

I am also pleased to announce that following on from the success of 2012’s Summer Passport scheme; we will be running this hugely popular event again this summer. The newly named ‘Access All Areas’ will provide a wide range of activities for 11-17 year-olds free of charge. See pages 4 and 5 for further details.

And finally, I sincerely welcome all comments and suggestions on how you would like to improve the Borough, so please do let me know your thoughts and ideas, and I will consider each one thoroughly.

Join our e-panel and help improve services!

If you live in the Borough and are aged 18 or over, you can comment on topics relating to Fareham Borough Council and our partners online. If you’re aged between 13 and 19 you can join our young persons’ e-panel. Just click on the e-panel link on www.fareham.gov.uk/consultation
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We had a good turnout with lively debates across the Borough as residents got involved in issues such as the Police & Crime Commissioner Elections, coastal defence and pubs closing down and changing use in Portchester.

Got a great idea for a project? Maybe we can help.

You can contact your local CAT chairman or officer to talk about the project. Please note, we can only support one-off capital costs e.g. purchase of equipment.

Recent successful Community Fund bids

The Friday Night Club, based in Wallington received £4,000 in Community Funding to buy a second hand MAX-CAT six wheeled all-terrain vehicle. This support will allow the club to continue to provide a safe off-road experience for people with learning disabilities of all ages.

The Hill Head Resident’s Association were given £4,020 in Community Funding to provide new surfacing along a stretch of footpath at Seafield Park in Hill Head.

Do you have a topic for the agenda?

If you have any ideas for an agenda item at a CAT meeting please contact your local CAT chairman or officer:

- Crofton – Cllr Arthur Mandry, Anna McCulloch
- Fareham Town – Cllr Dennis Steadman, Mark Dunning
- Portchester – Cllr Nick Walker, Richard Wright
- Titchfield – Cllr Emily Harper, Narinder Bains
- Western Wards – Cllr Michael Ford, Scott Mills

When are the next CAT meetings?

**Summer Meetings:**

**Crofton**
Tuesday 25 June 2013
Holy Rood Church

**Fareham Town**
Monday 15 July 2013
Neville Lovett School

**Portchester**
Wednesday 12 June 2013
Portchester Community Centre

**Titchfield**
Wednesday 26 June 2013
Titchfield Community Centre

**Western Wards**
Wednesday 10 July 2013
Sarisbury Green Community Centre

**Autumn Meetings:**

**Crofton**
Tuesday 8 October 2013
Holy Rood Church

**Fareham Town**
Thursday 24 October 2013
Henry Cort

**Portchester**
Wednesday 16 October 2013
Portchester Community Centre

**Titchfield**
Tuesday 1 October 2013
Titchfield Community Centre

**Western Wards**
Tuesday 15 October 2013
Victory Hall
Despite the challenging economic conditions, Fareham Town Centre is successful, and the Council and local retailers want it to stay that way.

In September 2012, changes to maintain the vibrancy of the town centre were agreed. Following discussions with local shops, residents and shoppers, a number of areas for improvement were identified, with parking at the forefront.

To reflect this, we have adopted a new Fareham Town Centre Parking Strategy, aimed at helping to support the town centre economy by providing efficient parking. The following changes that will come into effect 1 April 2013 hope to achieve this:

- The five hour limit in short stay car parks will be removed, so visitors will be able to stay as long as they like in the town centre
- Car parks will be changed from long and short stay to ‘inner’ and ‘outer’ car parks. This is to emphasise that there is no time limit placed on stays
- Inner car parks will be charged at £1.00 per hour, whilst outer car parks will be 70p per hour (£3.50 for an entire day). This represents no increase in current prices
- Malthouse Lane and Trinity Street car parks will become outer car parks. This change from short stay will mean a reduction on current prices, all-day parking in the area and parking season tickets will now be accepted.

Other actions being discussed with local businesses include:

- Improving location signs
- Additional seating and cycle racks within the pedestrian area
- Improving vacant shop facades
- New covered structures within the pedestrian area.

A new dedicated Town centre website – farehamtowncentre.co.uk – is also being planned, which will bring together all information about the town centre in one place.

Beyond this, the Council is working on a long term development plan to continue to improve the town centre and increase its appeal. This will include the development of key locations and increasing quality of public spaces.

For more information: www.fareham.gov.uk/council/departments/planning/ldf/dspftc.aspx

Get involved in the New Community North of Fareham Plan

We consulted with the public on the options for the New Community North of Fareham in July 2012. We’ve used your responses and other research to put together a draft plan for the new community. We will be asking you to comment on the draft plan in a public consultation running from the end of April through to early June.

The finalised plan will guide the development of the New Community North of Fareham.

As part of this consultation we will be holding a series of public exhibitions where people can find out more about the draft plan:

- **Tuesday 7 May**
  Fareham Hall, Osborn Road, Fareham
  2pm–7pm

- **Wednesday 8 May**
  Funtley Social Club, 84 Funtley Road, Funtley
  2pm–7pm

- **Tuesday 14 May**
  Knowle Community Hall, Greater Horseshoe Way, Knowle
  4pm–7pm

- **Tuesday 21 May**
  Fareham Hall, Osborn Road, Fareham
  2pm–7pm

- **Thursday 23 May**
  Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham
  4pm–7pm

The consultation will run between Monday 29 April and Monday 10 June. Your comments will help shape the plan for the New Community that will be examined by an independent inspector in mid-2014.

The draft plan will be available to view and comment on at www.fareham.gov.uk/consultation from Monday 29 April. Links will also be posted on Facebook and Twitter, and paper copies will be available at the Civic Offices, at Fareham Library and at the exhibitions. If you have any questions about the new community, please call 01329 236100 and ask for the New Community North of Fareham planning team or email planningpolicy@fareham.gov.uk.
March

Friday 8 March
Fareham Country Market, 9am–3pm

Saturday 23 March
The Great Easter Egg Hunt
The Easter extravaganza with a difference through the beautiful woodlands of Holly Hill with this year’s theme Jungle Mania.

Location: Meet at the Holly Hill Woodland Park main car park, off Barnes Lane, Sarisbury Green

Time: Start 12.00 noon with phased entry times until last entry at 4.00pm

Tickets: £5.50 per child. 400 tickets available. This event is always a sell out so book now!

Dress: Dependent on weather but waterproof shoes recommended. Fancy dress is optional.

Saturday 30 March
Beauty Outside & In – For free health and beauty advice.

Saturday 30 March
Fareham Country Market, 9am–3pm

April

Every Monday, Friday & Saturday during April
Music Month – A variety of music styles to suit every taste.

Location: all around the town centre

Time: 12 noon–2pm

Saturday 6 April
Fareham’s Independent Farmers Market, 9am–2pm

Friday 12 April
Fareham Country Market, 9am–3pm

Friday 26 April
SNAP Dance Night Ferneham Hall, 7–10.30pm

Saturday 27 April
Fareham Country Market, 9am–3pm

Saturday 27 April
Simple Solutions for Summer

Time: Sessions at from 10.00–11.00, 11.00–12.00 and 12.00–1.00pm for approximately 2 hours

Whether you want to create the perfect basket or cool container the staff at St Margaret’s will guide you through the steps to your own floral masterpiece.

The first 60 people to book will receive a 20% discount voucher to use at the nursery on the day.

Location: St Margaret’s Nurseries, St Margaret’s Lane, Titchfield

Tickets: Free event

Dress: Dependent on weather but waterproof shoes recommended.

Key

Parks events – Book in advance.
Tel: 01329 221342
Email: farehamtic@tourisme.com

Town Centre events – for further information please contact the Town Centre Manager, on 01329 824474

Fareham’s Independent Farmers Market – Locally reared produce

Fareham Traditional Open Market

Every Monday
Fareham’s traditional open market, 9am–3pm
May

**Saturday 4 May**
Fareham’s Independent Farmer’s Market, 9am–2pm

**Friday 10 May**
Fareham Country Market, 9am–3pm

**Saturday 11 May**
**Fareham Gardeners’ Fairs**
Two dedicated gardening fairs set in the town centre of Fareham.
The award winning Fareham in Bloom team will be on hand with St Margaret’s Nurseries offering a free plant of a new Fuchsia variety and discount vouchers to the first 100 people.
**Location:** West Street, Fareham
**Time:** 9am–3pm

**Sunday 19 May**
**Behind Coldeast**
This is a great opportunity to venture in and explore this fascinating site and learn about the plans for its future.
**Location:** Meet near toilets at Holly Hill Woodland Car Park, off Barnes Lane
**Time:** 11.00am–1.00pm
**Tickets:** £3 per person. Places limited to 20 people.
**Dress & Equipment:** Please wear suitable clothing and stout walking boots.

**Saturday 25 May**
Fareham Country Market, 9am–3pm

June

**Saturday 1 June**
Fareham’s Independent Farmers Market, 9am–2pm

**Saturday 8 June**
Fareham’s Independent Farmers Market, 9am–2pm

**Thursday 6 June**
**Going wild... again**
Following on from the successful Going Wild initiative started in 2012 this afternoon will look at the chalk downland meadow that was sown last autumn.
**Location:** Linden Lea junction of Dore Avenue, Portchester.
**Time:** 1.00pm start
**Tickets:** Free
**Dress & Equipment:** Please wear suitable clothing for the weather and possible sunscreen.

**Saturday 8 June**
**Fareham Gardeners’ Fairs**, 9am–3pm
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**Location:** West Street, Fareham

**Friday 14 June**
Fareham Country Market, 9am–3pm

**Saturday 15 June**
**Tree Insight**
Enjoy a leisurely stroll around Warsash Common with the Countryside Ranger.
**Location:** Meet at the New Road car park, off Fleet End Rd.
**Time:** 10am start for approximately 1.5 hours. Tickets: £3 per person. Places limited to 20 people.
**Dress:** Clothing suitable to weather, stout walking shoes and possibly sunscreen.
*NB. The route for this walk includes crossing uneven surfaces and negotiating steps.*
Round the Harbours – bike event!

The British Heart Foundation is hosting its annual 30 mile charity bike ride on Sunday 9 June 2013. This fully supported event will take you on a stunning route around the Hampshire Harbours, including two ferry rides.

The route will take you between Havant, Southsea, Fareham, and Gosport on open roads and cycle paths. With various start points, it’s ideal for families, groups and individuals.

Please note – Fareham’s start point will be at Bath Lane Recreation Ground

Registration and fees

Pre-registration for adults is available until 2 June, though entry on the day is also available. For children’s or postal registration forms, please email events@bhf.org.uk or phone 0845 130 8663. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Entry on the day – £20.00(adults) £7.50(children)
Pre-registration (before 2 June) – £15.00

For more information and a route map, look at www.bhf.org.uk/roundtheharbours

If you’re interested in volunteering on the day, please email Adam Brockett–brocketta@bhf.org.uk

Volunteer as a School Trip Assistant

If you would like to help support your local schools in Fareham, there are opportunities to volunteer and help out on school outings, in which you will receive free training as a School Trip Assistant or Minibus Driver. This scheme is funded by the Local Children’s Partnership and Hampshire Learning.

The photo shows Kerry Brailey who is taking part in the new Supporting Schools project, and was the first to pass her MiDAS training for the Minibus volunteer driving for Redbarn Primary School in Portchester.

For more information please contact Angela Luke, Community Development Worker. Email: aluke@farehamaction.org.uk or on 01329 231899.
Fareham Leisure Card – Have you got yours yet?

Fareham Leisure Card offers discounts from between 5% and 50% on a whole range of leisure activities, now from 41 outlets in and around Fareham. You can also use your Fareham Leisure Card at:

- Airzone Kitesurf School
- NEW – Alexandra Sports
- Ambush Paintball and Lasertag
- Amnesia The Hair Fitness Centre
- Andark Diving & Water Sports
- Blue Reef Aquarium
- Body Fusion On-form Sports Injury Clinic
- Compass Trailers
- Crofton Shotokan School of Karate
- Cuts and Clobber
- Energie Fitness for Women
- Fareham Health and Beauty
- Fareham Leisure Centre
- Ferneham Hall
- Go Ballooning
- Go Bowling
- Gosport Horse-Drawn Carriages
- NEW – Improvements Plus
- LBhealthcare
- Life Coach and Mentoring
- Luckets Travel
- Manor Farm Country Park
- Meon Valley Cycle Hire
- Motag Motorcycle Training
- Naz Indian Cuisine
- New Forest Activities Booking Centre
- Passion Flower Florists
- Razzamatazz
- Royal Victoria Railway
- NEW – SelClene Fareham and Southampton
- NEW – Solent Cycles
- St Margaret’s Nurseries
- TAGF Activities Ltd
- Team Sport Indoor Karting
- NEW – The Brewpot
- The Healing Sanctuary
- The Royal Navy Submarine Museum
- The Spirit Within Holistic & Hypnotherapy
- Titchfield Haven Nature Reserve
- Traditional Fish and Chips
- Zebra Waste Skip Hire

Joining the Fareham Leisure Card scheme couldn’t be easier, simply pick up a leaflet and application form from either Fareham Leisure Centre or Ferneham Hall.

Please contact the Leisure Card Officer for prices.

For more information about the Fareham Leisure Card or if your company would like to be part of the scheme and offer discounts, please contact the Leisure Card Officer, tel: 01329 824894 on Tuesday’s, Wednesday’s and Thursday’s.

FCCADS Presents WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Lyrics by Jim Steinman
By arrangement with The Really Useful Group Ltd.

The acclaimed and multi award-winning CCADS make their Ferneham Hall debut with one of the first local stagings of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Jim Steinman’s ‘Whistle Down the Wind’ – a West End smash hit based on the beloved film, featuring a powerful score that includes the chart-topping hit ‘No Matter What.’

In America’s Deep South, a 15 year-old girl discovers a mysterious man hiding out in a barn. When she asks his identity, he utters the words ‘Jesus Christ’ and it is as though her prayers have been answered. She and the other children of the town vow to protect him from the outside world, whilst the adult townsfolk are determined to catch a fugitive.

Some of the area’s finest talent comes together in this extraordinary musical, which combines impressive storytelling with intimate emotion in an unmissable theatrical experience.

Ferneham Hall, Osborn Rd, Fareham 01329 824864
28–30 March 2013, 7.30 pm nightly and 2.30 pm Saturday matinee
Tickets: £12 Full, £10 Concession

www.ccadstheatre.co.uk
www.facebook.com/CCADSPortsmouth
twitter.com/ccadstheatre
Looking for something to do during the summer holidays? Fareham Community Safety Partnership is working to provide a range of fun summer events totally free of charge for all 11–17 year-olds living within the Borough of Fareham, or attending one of Fareham’s schools.

Events will be held each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from Monday 29 July until Wednesday 14 August 2013, at locations across Fareham.

Activities include: American football, archery, circus skills, henna tattooing, 75ft assault course, DJ skills, rugby and football and a favourite from Summer Passport 2012 – a free BBQ for participants.

For the latest news on activities and event times and locations go to:  
www.saferfareham.co.uk

If you have any queries you can contact the Community Safety Team at Fareham Borough Council:  
Email: communitysafety@fareham.gov.uk  
Tel: 01329 824496

Balancing the Budget – Citizens Advice can help you

If you are feeling under financial pressure because of benefit changes, or if your finances are already under strain, Fareham Citizens Advice can offer you help. They can:

- Make sure you get all the benefits you are entitled to
- Work out a realistic family budget
- Deal with people you owe money to
- Manage mortgage and rent arrears.

If you would like face-to-face or telephone advice, visit Fareham Citizens Advice Bureau, 2nd Floor, County Library Building, Osborn Road, Fareham. Opening hours are Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm, and a later time on Thursday from 5pm to 6.30pm. Alternatively, telephone the advice line on 08444 772232. Full details can be found at www.farehamcab.org.uk
Last November, Fareham Borough Council appointed its first ever Mayor’s Cadet, Cadet Flight Sergeant Elliot Tutt, to help support the Mayor at civic events. Elliot, aged 18, was appointed to take part in civic duties until the end of the mayoral year, which finishes in May 2013. The Mayor’s Cadet duties include wreath bearing, meeting and greeting, taking part in processions and supporting the work of the Mayor’s attendants.

The Mayor of Fareham, Councillor Dennis Steadman said: “I am very pleased to introduce the first Mayor’s Cadet and hope that Elliot’s appointment will help to reinforce the important role that uniformed cadet groups have within the Borough.”

In addition to this appointment, Fareham’s Squadron of Air Training Corps also celebrated the opening of their new HQ by Air Vice Marshall Luker and Councillor Seán Woodward, Executive Leader of Fareham Borough Council and Squadron President.

In Fareham there are two training locations – a Detached Flight in Portchester and the Headquarters at Farm Road, Titchfield. There are 86 cadets who regularly take part in a range of exciting activities from flying and gliding to camps and expeditions throughout the country.


LOCKSWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Lockswood Community Centre, situated at the heart of Locks Heath District Shopping Centre, is now being managed by Fareham Borough Council and provides facilities for public hire, as well as being a venue for various classes and clubs.

Activities range from badminton and football to gymnastics and even indoor bowls, so there is something on offer for almost anyone. Alongside this, there are well maintained facilities for hire including a large sports hall, an activity room and meeting rooms. All of these are offered at competitive rates, and whilst the centre is generally busy, there is still room if you’re looking for a local venue for an event or a regular slot. The centre also boasts good car parking facilities, public transport links close by and multiple bike racks, making it easily accessible to everyone.

The centre is open Monday–Friday from 9am–10pm and on Saturday from 9am–1pm. It also has a small coffee shop that is open from 10am–12pm.

For more information or for booking enquires please telephone 01489 582512, email gsatherley@fareham.gov.uk or visit the centre and speak with a member of staff.
Fareham Borough Council is asking Fareham residents to vote for the name of the New Community North of Fareham, in a consultation running from Friday 1 February until Sunday 31 March 2012.

What new community?
A new community of around 7,000 homes, together with businesses, schools, open spaces and local services is being planned between Wickham and Fareham.

We have researched local historical records to come up with the three names that people can vote for. Each of the three names has a close historical connection with the land to the North of Fareham. We would like you to help decide its name.

What are the choices?

**Spurlings** – The name ‘Spurlings’ is marked on the 1879 Ordnance Survey map. In 1841 it was occupied by Fareham resident Charles Osborn (1794-1859). Today, there is a Spurlings Road north of the M27 at Junction 11.

**Swansdell** – Swans Dell Cottage was occupied in 1841 by the gamekeeper of Roche Court and a labourer John Stares. Swans Dell Cottage is marked on the 1879 Ordnance Survey map.

**Welborne** – Welborne relates to two fields immediately north of Kiln Road and south of Kneller Court. The land was owned as part of Fareham Manor by the Gardiner family of Roche Court.

How can people vote?
There are a number of ways for people to get involved and vote for their favourite name:

- Vote online at [www.fareham.gov.uk](http://www.fareham.gov.uk)
- Vote on Fareham ‘s Facebook page ‘FarehamBC’
- Visit the Civic Offices and upcoming CAT meetings and vote using tokens
- **Use the voting slip below**
- Use the voting slip in The News
- Local schools have been invited to take part in voting sessions
- Young people will have the chance to vote at the next SNAP disco.

Once all the votes have been counted, the name with the most votes will be announced at the meeting of the Council’s Executive on 15 April. This will be subject to the normal call in period.

### Entries should be with us by 31 March 2013.

**Please return completed form to:**
Fareham Borough Council,
Naming of the New Community,
FREEPOST FM33,
Civic Offices,
Civic Way,
Fareham PO16 7BR
Friends of the homeless

In July 2003 a volunteer group made up of Fareham and Gosport Friends of the Homeless and the 2saints charity started the Basics Bank Project. The Basics Bank is a registered charity working within Fareham and Gosport, who provide emergency short term support and relief to those who find themselves in a crisis or emergency situation.

The project is run from two centres, Aspect House Fareham and Jacobs Well Care Centre in Gosport. People in crisis who visit these centres will be given food to last for seven days. The Basics Bank can also provide nappies, toiletries, and some clothing.

The service is accessed through one of 25 referral agencies in the Fareham and Gosport area which supply a voucher, and the service may be used up to four times a year. This ensures that the customers don’t become dependent on the service and that as many people as possible can be helped.

In the last 12 months the two centres have had over 1,150 referrals and have helped to feed nearly 2,500 adults and children, whilst continuing to support people who are sleeping rough on the streets.

The Basics Bank receives great support from churches and schools who supply food, and the last harvest festival saw a big donation given to the centres. Valuable support is received from Sainsbury’s shoppers who place extra items into a trolley near the checkouts when shopping in the Fareham store, which are then given to the Basics Bank. Without this type of support, the Basics Bank would not have the ability to help and support so many people. Support is also welcomed and received from other individuals and organisations.

The Basics Bank staff would be very pleased to receive any donations of food and toiletries, including nappies. Our centres are open on Mondays and Fridays between 1–3pm and on Wednesdays between 12-1.30pm. More information is available on the website: www.friendsofthehomeless.org.uk

Thank you for helping the Basics Bank. Your donation makes such a difference.
Titchfield Amateur Boxing Club

Titchfield Amateur Boxing Club (TABC) has been an established boxing club for over 40 years and has produced high standards of boxing, including British and European champions with some boxers even turning professional. Though this may be intimidating to a newcomer to the sport, TABC has recently added beginner/junior training classes, as well as new ‘box fit’ classes – a non-contact class aimed at getting people of all ages and abilities fit with boxing.

A brief history

The earliest known records of TABC are from November 1971, though early members remember training under the Titchfield ABC flag in a room above a pub in the early 50s.

In the early days of the club, boxing tournaments were held at West Hill School as well as Titchfield Community Centre, and for 20 years the club hosted an annual three-way tournament between TABC, the Police and Royal Navy, and it was in this time period that TABC earned their first national title for the club in the form of Junior ABA Champion, Bobby Elliott.

The club has always had a strong family ethos surrounding it, with many of its former boxers becoming trainers for the club, as well as a whole plethora of father/son combos boxing for TABC. In 2002, with help from Fareham Borough Council, TABC moved home to a new gymnasium built on Titchfield Recreation Ground.

Open shows

 Whilst the boxing club charges a minimal subscription fee from its members, the main source of funding for the club comes from open shows hosted by the club throughout the year.

Four open shows are held at Sarisbury Green Social Club each year, which are open to all spectators and take place during March and October. This is an opportunity for TABC to showcase some of its best boxers, whilst accruing a small amount of funds for the club.

The club also hosts its flagship event at Portsmouth Guildhall once every year, and has been named as one of the UK’s biggest dinner boxing tournaments outside of London. The dinner seats are usually sold to capacity, as well as a sizeable turnout for spectators to the event. Whilst being an amazing evening and boxing spectacle, this show is the main source of funds for the club, and has paid for improvements to the clubs facilities, including a new gymnasium and equipment. Fareham Borough Council has also provided some funding to help support the club.

Charity work

Part of the core ethos of TABC is to help support both local and national charities, by providing donations from the clubs profits. At least £500 from the Guildhall Dinner Boxing Show is donated every year, as well as one-off large sum donations where profits allow.

Looking ahead

With the rise of female boxing that the London 2012 Olympics brought, TABC has plans to improve and add additional facilities to cater for female boxers, and the boxing club is excited for the prospect of adding new female boxers to its roster. Alongside this, the club is boasting larger membership numbers than ever before, and so improvement and extensions to the current facilities will be ongoing.

If you would like any further information about the club please contact Ken Charman on 01489 581623.
Titchfield village is known for its wide range of activities, village groups and events that contribute to a great sense of community spirit. At the heart of this lies the Titchfield Community Association based at the Community Centre.

The centre and association are now 50 years-old and provide a venue for many groups and societies for activities such as indoor sports, education, hobbies, and theatre and member groups. Alongside these activities it also hosts dances and parties. Services are provided for every age group, and members come from all over Fareham and Gosport and beyond.

The groups meet either weekly or monthly and range from just a few members to over 100. The association has two buildings with rooms of various sizes, and features facilities that are tailored to meet each group's needs. The main hall hosts activities such as jive, bowling and badminton, whilst the second building (The 'Out-House') is used for activities such as martial arts, scouts and youth groups. This is also perfect for 18th and 21st birthday parties.

With no external funding, the centre relies on locals regularly hiring the rooms, the function bar as well as fundraising events. This provides the necessary finances to keep the centre running and to fund improvements. For major improvements, the association applies for funding from Fareham and Hampshire councils, and is supported by our local councillors.

A popular event is the Annual Arts and Crafts Show, held every spring. This show supports local artists and craftspeople in displaying their work. This year's show will be its 39th year, and takes place on 20 and 21 April. Other popular events include the annual pantomime and weekly tea dances which help to contribute to the funding. This year the pantomime will be celebrating its 36th year with the production of Robin Hood, showing from February 20–23.

Last June the association helped to coordinate a village celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Throughout the four-day holiday, events including a Big Lunch, dancing, an exhibition, flower arranging, a village fair, beer festival, and a church service took place. In June this year, the association are proposing a similar event for the anniversary of the coronation itself and are looking forward to seeing the village going above and beyond for the community.

For more information:
www.titchfieldcommunityassociation.org.uk, or call us on 01329 842933, and also see sites.google.com/site/welcometotitchfield
Last year our parks had another outstanding year, receiving five gold awards and a ninth consecutive category win in the regional South and Southeast in Bloom competition. Such achievements are not only the result of the hard work and passion of our gardeners and cleansing staff, but the partnerships and volunteering support from the community that give so much to make Fareham’s parks and green spaces diverse and colourful places for people to enjoy.

Pastel perfect

Last autumn saw the launch of Pastel Perfect as the theme for 2013, with floral displays using a palette of soft pinks, lilac and cream. With this, spring flowering bulbs were distributed across the Borough to residents, schools and communities to brighten their own local green spaces. This theme will also feature in the summer’s floral displays, flower beds and hanging baskets, which will be planted in mid-May.

To add to the diversity of our displays, new schemes are being introduced that concentrate on using plants such as herbaceous perennials, carpet roses and ground cover species. While these schemes will provide a series of colourful and diverse displays, they also benefit insects with pollen and nectar-rich flowers. These schemes will be introduced in the Civic Gardens, Brook Lane and Segensworth roundabouts.

Going wild

With the start of the ‘going wild’ project last year, wild flower meadows have been sown in various locations throughout the Borough, using seeds tailored to the type of soil and local species found at the site. Whilst these meadows provide a stunning effect upon blossoming, the environmental benefits they provide are huge.

A free workshop will be held at the Linden Lea site in Portchester on Thursday 6 June at 1pm, with a talk from a wildflower specialist, as well as a chance to take part in some botanical art.

Parks events 2013

This year we are excited to announce another season of themed events, workshops and walks, encouraging people to get involved with our lovely parks and countryside. This is organised in partnership with Fareham in Bloom, and listings of the spring and early summer events can be found on pages 8–9.

A full guide is available from the Fareham Tourist Information Centre, Civic Offices and other public locations around the Borough. You can also view it online at: www.fareham.gov.uk/parks
How does your garden grow

The success of the Fareham in Bloom campaign relies heavily on the contributions of residents, community groups and businesses within the Borough. Community gardening has always been at the centre of our campaign, greatly attributing to the Boroughs rich and colourful look.

With this, our gardening competition is being re-launched this year, starting with a special workshop, held at St Margaret’s Nurseries on 27 April. The competition is open to residents, schools and businesses in the Borough with entries being judged during July. The gardens will be awarded from Bronze to Gold during a presentation evening at Ferneham Hall during September.

If you have a horticultural gem, we would love to hear from you. Simply complete the application form provided and return it to: Fareham Borough Council, Parks & Open Spaces, FREEPOST FM33, Fareham PO16 7BR, before Friday 14 June.

Sponsor a roundabout

The value of landscaped areas within urban environments help preserve the beauty of the Borough, and with business sponsorships we can improve the attractive and welcoming feel of the Borough for the many residents, visitors and business owners that see it every day.

Sponsorship will be used to help maintain and improve the roundabout flower displays, and will grant companies exposure by displaying their logo in the most visible parts of the Borough.

For further information see: www.fareham.gov.uk/council/departments/leisure/parks/sponsorroundabout

Fareham in Bloom Competition 2013

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Entries must be within the Borough of Fareham and visible from the front or side (except sections 3 & 5). You may enter a maximum of four categories in sections 1 – 4 or one category from sections 5 & 6.

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Welfare Reform: how will benefit changes affect you?

If you claim Housing Benefit to help pay your rent you may be affected by changes from April 2013. The changes mean that some people will get less Housing Benefit than they did before.

Changes to benefits

There are four main changes taking place that will impact on how housing benefit and council tax benefit is calculated and paid to those of a working age.

- New size criteria means that if you are renting from your local council or housing association and you have spare bedrooms, your housing benefit will be reduced from 1 April 2013.
- The overall amount of benefit a household can receive will be capped. Anyone receiving benefit above the cap will have their housing benefit reduced from April 2013.
- Changes to council tax benefit means the amount of support available locally may be reduced from 1 April 2013.
- New legislation means all working age benefits will be replaced by a single Universal Credit payment, meaning from 1 October 2013 most benefits will be paid directly to you in one monthly payment.

These are big changes that will affect how you pay for your home and how you get your benefits. To find out more about each of the changes and to get more information by contacting the FBC Benefits Team or visiting our website: www.fareham.gov.uk/benefits or www.gov.uk

Can Fareham Community Savers, your local Credit Union, help you save money?

Fareham Community Savers is an innovative project aimed at promoting accessible banking, safe borrowing and affordable savings opportunities. The project can also help you to develop essential skills to become more financially-savvy and better at managing your money.

Fareham Community Savers will in the first instance, serve the communities living in Fareham Park (Highlands) and Broadlaw Walk areas of Fareham. However, all local residents can access Fareham Community Savers as a safe and affordable alternative to high street banks and online loans and payday lenders.

What the project offers

- Fairly priced loans to members, including those with imperfect, limited or no reliable credit history.
- A safe place for people to save their money, including smaller amounts to promote good financial behaviour.
- A place to conduct financial transactions at a reasonable cost, even for those with flawed credit history.
- Financial and budgetary help and information to support members.
- Products, services and opportunities that can help members free themselves from high costs and debt, gain control over their personal finances and work towards achieving economic independence in the longer term.

For those who may be struggling to access a reasonable standard of living, options for accessible money management and affordable banking are often severely restricted. Credit union products are often favoured by ‘ethical’ savers as any profit goes directly back to savers and members and to support the development of the union, not as bonuses to third party investors or businesses.

The project is funded by Fareham Borough Council in partnership with SEHCO, First Wessex and the Southern Cooperative. Fareham Community Savers is supported with a range of accounts and services from Hampshire Credit Union, who are backed by United Savings and Loans.

For further details: Drop into one of our sessions at the Civic Offices, Broadlaw Community Space or Highlands Hub, call our FCS Development Worker, Maria on 07511 900 833 or e-mail us at: admin@secho.org

Can Fareham Community Savers, your local Credit Union, help you save money?
Choose affordable credit over payday lenders

Payday lending and online loan companies have grown rapidly over the last couple of years. Thankfully Fareham Community Savers with United Savings and Loans are able to help offer a safe and cost-effective alternative. Members can access loans ranging from £100–£5,000, and these are also available for residents who rent their home – either privately, through the Council or with a social landlord. Additionally, the loan can be paid back over a period of up to five years.

Example – borrow £500 and repay it weekly over 52 weeks. With a weekly repayment of £11, this makes a total amount payable (including interest) £562.47. Representative 26.8% APR

To join, either contact Fareham Community Savers, drop in to one of our sessions, or the main USAL offices and pick up a membership form. Alternatively you can download a form from www.usal.org.uk and email it back to us at info@usal.org.uk

We will need to verify your identity, your address and your date of birth. In some cases, we can help you with this by using an online checking system.

Don’t forget to include your membership fee of £4 plus £1 deposit in your membership account.

With household budgets being squeezed again this year, for some people it will mean budgeting for the first time, and this can be a real challenge – how about using a Fareham Community Savers’ ‘Jam Jar Account’.

This account allows members to set up different ‘jars’ of money, for essentials like rent and utility bills. Every month this money is transferred to each jar, and on an appointed date the money is then transferred to pay off the commitment. This means you can avoid high bank charges through bounced direct debits or standing orders, as you’ll know how much money you have left until your next wage or benefit payments are due.

So how does a Jam Jar account work?

- A resident opens a membership and Jam Jar Account with the credit union
- They agree with the credit union on how many jars are to be set up and how much money will be transferred to each pot to honour commitments, such as rent and utilities
- If there is insufficient income to pay rent, the account will allow the member to top up by standing order, balance transfer or cash
- On the appointed date the rent will be paid to the recipient provided there are sufficient funds to meet the commitment
- The account costs £5.00 a month to operate; this is a lot less than bank charges or the fee charged for a bounced direct debit.

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Who are we?

Do you want to have your say, help make changes in your community, make new friends and have fun? Then Fareham Youth Council (FYC) could be for you. FYC is a group led by young people for young people.

Our aims are:

- Listen to and voice the views of young people
- Raise these issues with the key decision makers in Fareham
- Represent the youth of Fareham at a local and Hampshire level
- Help to improve the facilities in Fareham for 11–19 year olds
- Challenge the stereotyping of young people.

What have we achieved?

We consulted with young people over the summer, to find out how safe they felt in Fareham, and managed to highlight a few places of concern.

After visiting these places, we contacted Youth Champion Councillor Trevor Cartwright MBE with our concerns, resulting in an extra speed camera on Heath Road. Cllr Cartwright also informed us that Youth Services have secured funding from the Local Children’s Partnership for a new youth worker in the western wards.

Get involved

Meetings are held every first Wednesday of the month from 4–5.45pm at the Civic Offices in Fareham.

To find out more or get involved, contact FYC via email: yc@fareham.gov.uk or via the Fareham Youth Info page on Facebook.
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<td>Fri 15 March at 7.30pm</td>
<td>Sally Morgan</td>
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<td>Saturday 16 March at 7.30pm</td>
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| Tue 19–Sat 23 March at 7.30pm  
(Sat 2.30pm matinee) | Fareham Musical Society – Summer Holiday | Tuesday – All Seats £11.50, Wed to Sat £12 & £14  
(Under 16/Over 60 £10.50 & £12.50) |
| Thu 28–Sat 30 March at 7.30pm  
(Sat 2.30pm matinee) | CCADS – Whistle Down The Wind              | £12 (Under 16/Over 60 £10) |
| Sun 31 March at 7pm   | Ken Dodd                                    | £21 (Fareham Leisure Card £20) |

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| Mon 1–Sat 6 April from 9am | Fareham Stage Dance Festival               | Adults – Session £4, Daily £6, Whole Festival £30  
Under 16s/Over 60s – Session £2, Daily £3, Whole Festival £15 |
| Tue 9–Sat 13 April at 7.15pm  
(Thu and Sat Matinee at 1.30pm) | Gosport Gang Show                         | From £9                |
| Fri 19 April at 7.30pm   | Mayor’s Charity Ball                       | £45 (Table of 10 £400) |
| Tue 23 April at 7.30pm   | Let’s Talk Fishing                         | £12.50                 |
| Fri 26 April at 7pm     | SNAP Dance Night                           | £6                     |
| Sat 27 April at 7.30pm   | Let’s Talk Bike                            | £12.50                 |

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<td>Queen of the Dance</td>
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<td>Fri 24 May at 7.30pm</td>
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| Tue 28 May–Sat 1 June at 7.30pm  
(Sat Matinee 2.30pm) | STP Musicals presents Cats                  | £12 (Under 16/Over 60s £10,  
Party of 10+ £9, Family of 4 £36) |

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| Wed 12–Fri 14 June at 7.30pm | Fareham Musical Society presents  
Fawlty Towers                      | £12 & £10               |
| Mon 17 June at 7.30pm   | Ladyboys of Bangkok                        | Price TBC              |
| Wed 19 June at 7.30pm   | F1 – Johnny Herbert                        | £12.50                 |
| Fri 21 June at 7.30pm   | An Evening of Burlesque                    | £22.50                 |

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| Wed 10–Sat 13 July at 7.30pm | South Downe Musical Society presents Evita | £14 & £12 (Wednesday Only  
Under 16s/Over 60s/Students £12.50 & £10.50) |
| Sun 21 July at TBC     | Eric Knowles                               | Price TBC              |
| Fri 26 July at 7.30pm   | Jethro                                     | £19.50                 |
Your Councillors

Key to groups:
- Conservative
- Liberal Democrat
- Independent

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